

## House Resolution No. 674

**Whereas**, it was with genuine sadness that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives learned of the death of Saint Louis native Elaine Mitchell Diggs on February 12, 2004, after a sixty-seven-year-long life which was filled with service to others; and

**Whereas**, Elaine Mitchell was born on June 16, 1936, into the family of Bessie Mitchell and Nelson Doss and enjoyed a childhood filled with numerous educational and rewarding experiences which come from having seven brothers, James (Billie), Oscar (Sonnie), Richard, Charles, Carl, John, and Paul; a sister, Robbie; and a stepfather, Oscar Byrd; and

**Whereas**, in July 1957 the former Elaine Mitchell married James Diggs in a blessed union which eventually included four loving children, Kenneth, Lisa, Cheryl, and Deborah, who is now deceased; and five grandchildren, Kenneth, Jr., Christopher, Kendrick, Frank, IV, and Chanel; and

**Whereas**, Elaine Diggs maintained a close-knit family which made no distinction in her loving and cherishing a mother-in-law, seven sisters-in-law, three brothers-in-law, a great-aunt, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

**Whereas**, a faithful adherent of the Catholic faith, Elaine Diggs attended Rosati-Kain High School, Saint Louis University, and Stowe Teachers College in her successful quest to become an effective teacher and a skilled school administrator whose career encompassed nearly forty-two years; and

**Whereas**, Elaine Diggs was a lifelong, very active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, a service sorority for which she served as Social Action Chair; and

**Whereas**, in retirement Elaine Diggs tutored children, taught Junior Achievement for old friends, guided beginning teachers as a member of the Retired Teachers Coaching Team, and participated in many community projects and organizations; and

**Whereas**, Elaine Diggs dedicated her life to serving God as a member of her church's Environment Committee, Friendship Club, Knights of Peter Claver, and Ladies Auxiliary and through work as an Eucharistic Minister and Lector:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of the late Elaine Diggs and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to her many family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors who now miss her considerable warmth and light in their daily lives; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Elaine Mitchell Diggs of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Amber (Holly) Boykins  
District No. 60

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Representative Robin Wright Jones  
District No. 63

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Representative Connie L. Johnson

District No. 61

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Representative Yaphett El-Amin  
District No. 57

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 674, adopted February 19, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker